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HALLOWE'EN, 1959

The approach of Hallowe'en reminds us that there are practical jokers who delight, whenever they can, to scare the wits out of other people. This may be all right with some individuals, but there are persons, especially among certain groups, whose health can be badly damaged by practical jokers and their thoughtless pranks.

Parents who think they know their children pretty well realize that the urge to destruction ranks along with hunger as a youthful motivation. Therefore, they aren't too much surprised at most anything that happens around the end of October.

The witches, ghosts, goblins and other malvolent spirits, they know, can often turn into destructive elements unless they are wisely counseled and closely guided.

What can Appomattox adults do to prevent the useless destruction and unhappy consequences which sometimes follow a night of merry-making? Well, there are are old time-honored features of giving parties, arranging parades, and moving everything movalble from the outside into safe places—even the living room. Protection may even be purchased by people providing large quantities of "treats" to take the place of the threatened "tricks."

This newspaper commends and salutes those of our elder citizenry who organize and store Hallowe'en festivals for the wholesome entertainment of our youth. For the more serious problems of wanton destruction we have no sympathy, and in such events, the police authorities should and must take over, with adequate punishment.

With a little bit of common sense,we should be able to survive the approaching Hallowe'en.

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JOHNSON'S BID

A significant political announcement was made in Texas recently, when House Speaker Sam Rayburn announced he was kicking off a Johnson-For-President drive

Although Majority Leader Lyndon Johnson, of the U. S. Senate, has not acknowledged that he is a candidate, veteran political observers know that Rayburn would not have taken his recent step unless he knew this was satisfactory with the Senate Majority Leader. Thus, it can be assumed that Lyndon Johnson's hat is in the ring, along with those of Senator Jack Kennedy, Massachusetts Democrat; Senator Stuart Symington, Missouri Democrat, and Senator Hubert Hmphhrey, Minnesota Democrat.

This makes the Democratic nomination competition a bit keener. The Johnson candidacy is interesting, because he is the first candidate from the South or Southwest who —in the opinion of some— stands a chance to receive the Democratic nomination in countless decades. There is another candidate, who has a similar prejudice to overcome, and if Senator Jack Kennedy is nominated for the Presidency, and elected, he would be the first Roman Catholic ever elected.

The announcement by Rayburn in Texas means that she second session of the 86th Congress will be highly interesting. Johnson will be out to win support. Will he forego his Southern support, by going out for radical backing in the North? How will he face up to challenges for leadership on vital issues? Will he build up into a position of being recognized by all factions as a wise "middle-of-the-road' leader around whom his party and nation might rally, or will he swing too far to either swing of the pendulum to meet the requirements of a great national figure? Only time will tell. Surely, there are many in our Southland who would desire to look with favor upon the availability of a Southerner in 1960.

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It is surprising what a compliment will do.

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Too much hard work kills the desire to play.

Washington Notes

Mediation Role Seen

The United States has assured Pakistan that if President Eisenhower visits India, he will also go to Pakistan.

The President has said that he would like to visit Prime Minister Jawaharial Nehru on his way back to the United States after his trip to the Soviet Union next spring or summer. Diplomatic informants have expressed the belief that President Eisenhower could help end the tension between India and Pakistan.

Symington's Views

Senator Stuart symington (D., Mo.) says that the Democratic party is best equipped to direct the world economic contest with Russia.

Symington, who has said he is available for the 1960 Democratic Presidential nomination, has criticed President Eisenhower's course in the steel strike and cast doubt on Vice President Nixon's qualifications for the Presidency.

1960 Census

A national tabulation of malformations at birth will be started in 1960 by the Office of Vital Statistics.

Joseph Schachter, chief of the Natality Analysis Section, has confirmed that the move resulted largely from the wide interest in the hedirity effect of radioactivity.

Self-Help Urged

A special Senate committee studying the problem of chronic unemployment has been told that the Administration has been trying to help depressed areas help themselves.

Senator Jennings Randolph, (D., W. Va), where joblessness has been acute, countered that the Administration programs had taken "a too timid approach." Other Democrats on the committee nodded in agreement.

Veterans Day Set

President Eisenhower has proclaimed Nov. 11 as Veterans Day. He asked the American people to remember their debt to those who "have borne the standard of freedom . . . and preserved our liberty."

About The Home

By Frances Dell

Nothing is more "homey" and delightful on a winter evening than a fire in an open fireplace. The know-how of modern brick masons and builders have largely eliminated the mess and bother connected with an open fire.

There are endless kinds of fireplace equipment to add pleasure to fire building. New types of dampers on the market do away with the draft usually associated with a fireplace when it is not in use. Modern fire screens and more efficient fire logs make it much safer to have an open fireplace in your home.

A fireplace, even when not in use, is an attractive addition to any home. During the summer it will look cool and lovely filled with growing house plants or cut greens. It wil provide a center of interest for an otherwise dull room.

Large, Early - American type fireplaces are popular for a den or kitchen these days. They have a double use, providing a perfect charcoal cooker during the winter months.

A wood fire is by far the most attractive kind of fire to have. Hardwoods make the best firewood because they burn longer and hotter. It is a good idea to have a sheltered place to keep some logs dry. These dry logs will catch quickly and in turn keep the greener wood burning.

Slightly green wood burns more slowly, and after it catches, will make a fire that lasts a long time.

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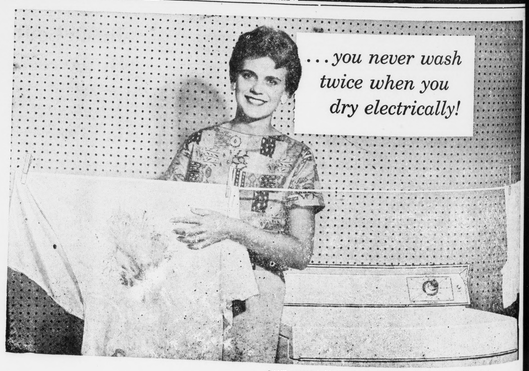

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Oct. 27.- Mamie Hann- at the home of Mr. Hamilton and family Night. A mission taught.

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Paulette visited re- burg last week.

Dan Clapp and fam- ended, spent the week Lynch, Mr. and Mrs. H.

extended to Mr. in the death of his Mr. C. E. Franklin, Sr.

ings, of Cambria, ended with his mother, Jennings.

Young spent the week- Navy visiting relatives. Mrs. Jesse Franklin and Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Sandy night.

the Rev. and Mrs. J. and family Sunday at

Chester Springs were Mrs. Nellie Paulette and daughter, Abby, Mr. and Mrs. Ryland Staples and children, Barbara Kay and Wilson.

Luncheon guests of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Glover Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Thompson and Mrs. Mary Sullivan, of Lynchburg. The occasion was Mrs .Glover's birthday.

Visitors of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Warriner over the week-end were Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Gibson, Washington, D. C., and Mrs. David Garrette, of Alexandria.

Luncheon guests of Mr. and Mrs. Mott Harvey last Thursday were Mrs. David Paulette, Mrs. Wylie Richardson, and Mrs. Garland Mayberry, of Lynchburg.

Luncheon guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Warriner Saturday were Mrs. Bob Dean, Mr. Zuger Gibson, of Prospect, Va.

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SOCIAL SECURITY INFORMATION

By Donald H. Renner

"Why hasn't my first social security check arrived?" "Why does it take so long?" is a query from many individuals who have filed claims for social security benefits.

While the government is frequently accused of the proverbial red tape (any delay is considered such), a certain minimmum of time is required to process a claim for benefits. The Lynchburg office frequently makes awards which, over a period of years, may represent $30,000 or more in benefits, and when such large sums are involved the Social Security Administration must be careful and thorough in making sure the individuals are properly entitled to payments.

To receive benefits promptly after retirement, you should file a claim for your benefits from four to six weeks before retirement if you know you will be retiring on a certain date. This advance filing will give you and this office ample time to get information and evidence necessary to establish entitlement before the first check is due. It will also afford your wife and any children who might be eligible the opportunity to file for dependents' benefits.

Generally, evidence will be required to prove your age and your wife's age. This may be a birth or baptismal record. If there is no such record available, any record that is old and reliable may be sufficient. If you have a child under age 18 or an unmarried child of any age, who was disabled before age 18, it will be necessary to have a birth certificate for this child.

Evidence of your earnings in the taxable year ending before the date of retirement is also necessary. This proof may be a copy of your income tax withholding statement (Form W-2) or a copy of your Federal income tax return if you are self-employed. By submitting this evidence on your first visit, future contacts may be unnecessary.

Remember — inquire before you retire! Your social security office is now located at 112 Langhorne Road, Lynchburg, Va. If you prefer you may call or see me. I am at the Court House in Appomattox on the fourth Monday of each month at 10:00 A. M.

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Homemakers Items

The use of wash and wear cottons is snowballing, according to Mrs. Byrd J. Mangeo, clothing specialist at VPI.

In 1958, about two billion yards of cotton textiles were treated with resins to provide an easy - care finish. By 1960, the total may well be three and one-half to four billion yards, experts estimate. This would total about two-thirds of the brond-woven goods now being furnished for apparel and household uses.

Many industries and persons have been affected by the sudden trend to the new material. "The introduction of wash and wear cotton has produced a chain reaction in the fiber, fabric, and clothing industry; repercussions in the world of retailing and laundering; and a fallout of mixed blessings for producers and consumers alike," says Frank D. Barlow, Jr., of the Southern Utilization Research and Development Laboratory in New Orleans, La.

Advantages of wash and wear cottons include less upkeep, labor, neater looking garments and lower home laundering costs. If the homemaker figures her time at $1 per hour, it will cost her $16 to launder an untreated skirt before it wears out. This amount plus the original cost will amount to $19.95. On the other hand, Barlow estimates that only about $2 worth of time will be needed to care for the treated shirt. With the original cost of the treated shirt $4 to $5, it is easy to see that in the long run, the treated shirt is the least expensive.

The innovation has meant that manufacturers have had to pour more capital into their businesses, have had to provide more technical supervision and assume more responsibilities in seeking a profit.

Commercial laundaries are needing to make adjustments and to find new ways to launder the treated fabric. The dry cleaning industry has research underway to see if it is possible and practical to reintreat garments within their plants. Results would indicate that such treatment is not only possible, but economically feasible.

Manufacturers of home laundry equipment are busy developing machines which will wash resin-treated cottons gently, yet still get them clean.

There are still problems in making the finished garments live up to public expectations. However, if consumers pay attention to directions, they will live up to specifications.

Surprie Package

St. Louis.- Four bandits surrounded the car of a local store owner, Chester Cook, and ordered, "Hand us the sack."

Cook gave them the only sack he had. It contained four sandwiches, a bottle of hair oil, and some underwear.

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Cab Or Barbershop?

New York.- Two taxicabs equipped with electric shavers were put on display in New York City by a company which hopes to put shavers in all its 25 cabs. The cabs also provide lotion and a mirror.

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